

Docket No.: 5693P028

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:

ABHIJEET P. GOLE, ET AL.

Application No.: 10/693,070

Filed: October 24, 2003

For: Method and Apparatus for Reducing Network

Traffic During Mass Storage Synchronization

Phase of Synchronous Data Mirroring

Art Group: 2189

Examiner: Ko, Daniel Bokmin

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F. R. § 1.136(a), Applicants for the above-identified application respectfully Petition the Commissioner for a one (1) month extension of time, extending the period for response to May 23, 2006, from the Office Action dated January 23, 2006. The petition filing fee of \$120.00 and an Amendment and Response to Office Action are attached. (If a check is not attached, you are hereby authorized to charge deposit account no. 02-2666.)

If it should be determined that a longer extension of time is required to prevent this application from being abandoned, please charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 02-2666. A copy of the Fee Transmittal is enclosed for deposit account charging purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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